



John Piotti

John Piotti has worked at the forefront of sustainable agriculture since the early 1990s, first in Maine, and now nationally.

In 2016, he became the President of **American Farmland Trust**, bringing new energy to this storied organization that helped create the conservation agriculture movement.

Under John's leadership, AFT has engaged in the most comprehensive study of American land use ever conducted, helped secure an additional \$200 million/year in Federal funding for agricultural conservation easements, and launched new initiatives that advance restorative farming practices, combat climate change, and support next generation farmers.

Prior to joining AFT, John served as President of Maine Farmland Trust, which during his tenure became recognized as one of the most innovative and impactful farm-support groups in the nation.

John has also served in the Maine State Legislature, where he chaired the Agriculture Committee and was later elected House Majority Leader.

In 2013, John was named to *Maine Magazine's* inaugural list of one of the 50 people who have done the most for the state.

In 2005, he received a prestigious Eisenhower Fellowship, which he used to study agricultural policy in Europe.

John holds three degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology: in engineering, public policy, and systems management.